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STREET HAS "BUG" PANIC

TAFT FACES DILEMMA IN HIS ADMINISTRATION AFFAIRS THAT STAGGERS THE NATION

THREATS OF PANIC COME FROM DISGRUNTLED STREET

Danger of supreme court upholding Sherman act and of the incorporation bill's effect on finance causes financial centers to growl—Taft must face wall, beaten, or fight it out

Washington, Feb. 8.—President Taft is face to face with the question of whether he must turn his back to Wall Street of fight it out to a finish with the big financial interests as well as with congress in order to put through his legislative program.

It is known that threats of panic have been intimidated by financiers, and magnates who have visited the White House this winter. Fear of the Federal Incorporation Bill have been expressed in no uncertain terms but it is believed here that Wall Street is the most worried by the possibilities of the United States Supreme Court upholding the Sherman anti-trust law in the cases of the American Tobacco Company and the Standard Oil Company.

There has been a great abundance of "Advice and Counsel" for President Taft from Wall Street this winter. Every financier who has visited the White House has brought out the "bugaboo" financial panic. Most of them tried to show that radical legislation would ruin the country. President Taft has had a hard time ever since the beginning of the present session in showing that his measures are "destined to be ultimately for the benefit of capital."

Retail Merchants Meet

Cairo, Ill., Feb. 8.—Big crops, industrial prosperity and unprecedented business in retail lines are predicted by officials and members of the Retail Merchants Association of Illinois, who gathered here today for the 17th annual convention.

MEYERS FOR MAYOR, HALL FOR THE COUNCIL

Fred L. Meyers, cashier of the La Grande National Bank, today announced his candidacy for the office of mayor of La Grande when friends commenced circulation of his petition for candidacy as mayor. At the same time, the petition of present mayor M. K. Hall announcing his candidacy as councilman in the third ward, Meyers' present ward, to represent in the council was circulated. The two petitions especially have given March elections a decided impetus and from now on petitions will be circulated rapidly that they may be filed with the Recorder by March first.

A third petition in the campaign is that of R. W. Logan who

SOCIETY ORGANIZES

OFFICERS CHOSEN FOR THE LAST SCHOOL SEMESTER.

Freshmen-Senior department gives a program and elects officers

The Freshman-Senior Literary Society of the high school held its second election for the year yesterday afternoon during the rendition of an interesting program. The society officials for the closing semester of the year follow: President, Hal Bohnenkamp; Vice-president, Lowell Williamson; Secretary, Olive Massee; Sergeant at Arms, Eddie Moon; Choir leader, Sara Smith.

SENATE BRIBE CASE STARTS

NEW YORK SENATE SCANDAL IS GIVEN AIRING.

Charges preferred by Conger are to be looked into today.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 8.—Solons of the upper house of the New York Legislature began today their investigation into the charges by Senator Benn Conger that his colleagues in the senate, Majority Leader Jotham P. Allds, has accepted money to influence legislation.

Rules governing the investigation provide that it shall be conducted by the senate, sitting as a Committee of the Whole, with the senate rules so amended as to permit rollcalls on motion, to vest in it power to limit debate, to enforce the attendance of its members, to issue subpoenas, and compel the production of books and papers. The rules of evidence recognized by courts of record will govern the admission of evidence.

Both Senator Conger and Senator Allds, if they so request, will be heard. After the testimony is all in and arguments of counsel on both sides have been heard, the Committee of the whole will take a vote on the question of whether, in its opinion, the charges have been sustained into the full senate to receive the report of the Committee of the Whole and pass upon it.

After the investigation has begun the Senate will meet at 10 o'clock in the morning instead of at 11 and after devoting an hour to regular business will take up the investigation of the Allds charges from 11 to 1 and from 2 to 5 in the afternoon.

RELAY RACES SCHEDULED

Boston, Feb. 8.—Coming just before the annual meet of the Boston Athletic Association, tonight's open meet at Boston College will give the runners a chance to size up their opponents in the great clash in Mechanic's Hall Saturday night. A number of match relays have been arranged as features of tonight's meet, including one between Boston and Holy Cross Colleges.

HILL POURS MOLTEN LAVA

SECTION OF COSTA RICO IN DANGER OF OBLITERATION BY FLOWING LAVA FROM POAS

HEAVY ROCKS HURLED TWO MILES FROM MOUNTAIN.

Citizens hurry to coast to avert destruction in molten lava that comes from eruption of Poas—Some of the streets are covered with ashes—Great loss of life feared though reports are meagre.

Port Limon, Costa Rica, Feb. 8.—The volcano Poas is in a terrific eruption today. Streams of lava are flowing through the fertile valley at the foot of the mountain and several villages are reported to have been ruined. The inhabitants of the Poas district are deserting their homes and are fleeing toward the coast terror stricken. Almost every village between the volcano and San Jose, the capital, is reported to be deserted.

Loss of Life Reported

The village of La Lecheria has already suffered severe damage and a great loss of life at that place was reported by the frightened fugitives.

Streets Ash Covered

At Cabadillo the streets are covered with a coating of ashes. People arriving here from the district at the foot of the mountains bring the report that huge rocks weighing as much as 200 pounds were hurled for two miles from the base of the volcano.

Poas lies inland about 100 miles northwest of this city. It is approximately 50 miles north of San Jose, the capital of Costa Rica.

JAIL RUSHED BY STUDENTS

BERLIN STUDENTS WRECK CITY BASTILE IN ORDER TO LIBERATE TWO COMPANIONS

PRISONERS PREVIOUSLY DISMISSED FROM COLLEGE

On charges of intoxication students are thrown into jail—Small army of students recruited and rush jail demolishing the institution—Workmen needed to repair the damage done to jail.

Oberlin, Feb. 8.—Workmen are today repairing the city prison which was wrecked during a raid by a crowd of college students when they rescued two of their comrades who were in the city jail on a charge of drunkenness. The young men who were in jail were L. D. Herr, age 23 and Robert Waters, age 18, students in the academy connected with the college.

Waters was recently expelled from the academy on account of misconduct. Last evening more than a dozen of the pupils accompanied him to Elyria to celebrate before his departure from the school for his home. Returning to Oberlin at a late hour Herr and Waters were arrested and thrown in the jail. His companions immediately recruited a small army of students and rushed the jail. Overcoming the attendants the students rushed into the corridors and released the two prisoners. So great was the destruction left in their wake that workmen were today summoned to repair the damage.

Many auto enthusiasts are out enjoying the good road and warm sunshine today.

JUNIORKUAME AT 7:30

B. M. A. AND LAMBDA PHI ALPHA TO MEET TONIGHT.

Tie-game of last contest still rankles in player's breasts.

"Can the B. M. A. vanquish the Lambda Phi Alpha basketball team again and thereby lay claim to the junior championship of the city?" is the question bothering basketball followers here today. The game is to be called at 7:30 that those who attend can later go to the Inter Nos party. The lineup will not be changed from the customary and as the B. M. A. nosed out a victory in a tie game recently the game tonight will be extremely close again.

SEINE RISES SECOND TIME

PARIS ALARMED AT SUDDEN TURN OF WATERS.

Believed though that rise will not be serious this time.

Paris, Feb. 8.—People of Paris are prey to anxiety again today as the result of a four-inch rise in the river Seine during the night. The river began to rise slowly late yesterday and like wildfire the news spread through the city.

Thousands of people rushed to the shores and to the bridges. The Hydrographic Bureau has announced that in all probability the waters will rise another foot today but the movement is temporary and has probably reached its highest point.

Cotton Tariff for Texas Roads.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 8.—The Texas Railroad Commission met here today to adopt a new cotton tariff and arrange the tables of rates and distances to be used by the railroads of the state in the future, in hope of avoiding many of the complaints received against the roads recently.

TAFT MIXES WITH HARMON

DEMOCRATS WILL FORCE THE RELECTION OF GOVERNOR AND THEN TALK PRESIDENT

TAFT'S ACTION ACTS AS A DISTINCT BOOMERANG.

Agent sent to Ohio to align Republicans may cause more damage to the cause than good—Democrats will strive for re-nomination holding Harmon to be most like Democrat for president.

Cincinnati, Feb. 8.—The attention of Democrats throughout Ohio today is being directed toward Governor Harmon for re-nomination by his party following the action of the Taft administration in sending Wade H. Eli's into Ohio to align the Republican forces.

It is apparent the administration seeks to defeat Harmon for re-election as his re-election will mean Harmon becoming a strong candidate for Democratic presidential nomination.

Republicans here believe that Harmon would make a better presidential race than any Democrat now prominent in the party.

INITIAL STEPS TAKEN.

Tomorrow to see the first real rehearsal of "The Mikado" here.

Taking of preliminary steps for systematic rehearsals for "The Mikado" were taken last night, and the first real attempt to go over the score will take place tomorrow afternoon and evening, the ladies in the afternoon and the men at night. A large attendance was present last night to learn the details of beginning.

WATER RIGHT FOR UMATILLA LANDS MAY GO UP TO \$72

The Commissioner of the general land office today notified the La Grande land office by wire that the portion of the amount per acre that entrymen will be required to deposit with homestead applications in the third unit of the Umatilla Project at the opening next Tuesday as building charge, namely \$18,000 should be credited for the year 1910 and that the second installment will be due in 1911. From this, it is possible to figure out under the public notices issued by the Interior Department any other conclusion that the person who files now will have to pay \$72.00 per acre in the aggregate as building charges, whereas the former entrymen are sure of patents when they have paid \$60. on this account and otherwise complied with the law.

The rise from \$60 to \$72 per acre for water rights under the government reclamation service in Umatilla county will stagger the entrymen, if true. Some idea of the amount of this expenditure is gained from comparison with the proposed system in La Grande, where water users will be given water for \$20 per acre. In the neighborhood of \$60 is where the average for government projects stands, and it is doubtful if any project in the West will reach

the total represented by the orders coming from the land office department today.

Big Hardware Show.

Philadelphia, Feb. 8.—Many novel inventions were shown at the big hardware exhibition opened today in connection with the ninth annual convention of the Pennsylvania Retail Hardware Association. At last year's show more than a quarter-million dollars worth of hardware was sold, and it is expected that this figure will be exceeded this week.

Vice Grand Likes Affairs

Keyed up to swift and attentive action by the chancellor commander the local lodge of K. of P. last evening entertained the Grand Vice Chancellor, Yoran, of Eugene, in a very appropriate manner. Three were given third degree ranks, after which the Lodge repaired to the Model Restaurant for an elaborate dinner, set for 40. Mr. Yoran spoke to the Lodge during the time it was in session.

He left today for Elgin and Walla Walla county well staffed with the alertness and attention to duties by the members of the local lodge and well pleased with the membership.

To Enjoy That New Camera

Commencing Friday, the 4th we will develop kodac films every Friday free of charge. Remember every Friday. Bring in your films

Newlin Drug Co.

You will need suggestions and practical help while getting familiar with photography

You will also need fresh reliable supplies.

In both we can provide just what is necessary.

Our store is the headquarters for amateur photographers.

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